

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An internal data storage unit 15 stores distributed music data. A copyright management table 16 stores a process right to
5 each music data item. This process right includes a playback right and a right to copy the data to an external storage medium 7. A control unit 17 refers to the process right stored in the copyright management table 16 to determine whether an inputted instruction 30 can be executed or not. If determining that the
10 instruction 30 can be executed, the control unit 17 supplies a control signal 32 to a playback unit 18 or other relevant process unit. A display unit 21 displays on a screen the process right stored in the copyright management table 16 based on an operation mode set in a mode storage unit 20. The playback and copy rights
15 to the music data are displayed by using icons. If an icon indicating a copy right in use is selected, information about the external storage medium 7 to which the data has been copied is displayed. If the instruction 30 that cannot be executed is supplied, a warning screen is displayed.